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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is provided in reply to the Office Action mailed on July 21, 2010, for which a response is due on December 21, 2010, with a two-month extension of time. A Petition for Extension of Time is provided at page 2 of this paper. Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows.

A Listing of Claims is provided beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

Petition for Extension of Time:

Applicants hereby request that the period to take action in the above-captioned application be extended by 2 months pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). Applicants have paid the amount of \$490.00 for payment of the (2) two month Extension of Time Fee by the EFS on-line payment method.